BRISTOL TOWNSHIP 2501 BATH ROAD BRISTOL, PA 19007

**JANUARY 20, 2011** 

**COUNCIL MEETING** 

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Roll Call: Councilman Tucker Present
Councilman Lewis Present
Vice President Tarlini Present
President Pluta Present

#### **EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

Mayor Monahan thanked Jason Lawson for their effort with the last snow storm.

Mr. Bartlett read the resignation letter from Tina Davis. President Pluta extended best wishes to Mrs. Davis.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for December 2010. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve minutes from the November 18, 2010 Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

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Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve minutes from the December 2, 2010 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve minutes from the December 16, 2010 Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve minutes from the December 20, 2010 Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

#### **REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Bartlett stated the Pennvest Loans have gone through and authorization was given to proceed with the work to be done to Sewer Plant. The work will begin the first week in February. There will be some on going work for the Township Building. The HVAC work will be begin next week and will not affect the residents. The renovation work has begun for the Sergeants Desk. Mr. Bartlett stated there have been some issues with the snow in the Township. There are some laws on the books

regarding removal of snow. Mr. Bartlett requested Council to authorize to revamp the ordinance regarding the snow removal. There are incidences where residents are snow blowing the snow in the street. There are cars not being removed from the street before the snow. This creates problems for snow plowing. President Pluta stated he is more concerned with the enforcement of the ordinance. Councilman Lewis stated that the Township already has an ordinance. Mr. Bartlett stated that we should look into the possibility of increasing the fines and looking into having someone other than the Police issuing fines possibly the Fire Marshal's Office or L & I could issue non traffic tickets.

#### **COUNCIL ITEMS**:

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Resolutions 1 to 10.

- 01-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract,
   Various Road Paving Projects, awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$400,000.00.
- 2. 02-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract, Newportville Fire Company Sub Station Construction, awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks. For \$200,000.00.
- 3. 03-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract, Bucks County/Levittown Rescue Squad Protective Gear Purchase, awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$57,286.00.
- 4. 04-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract, Edgely Fire Company Protective Gear Purchase, awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$12,000.00.
- 5. 05-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant contract, Route 413 Street Lighting awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$12,000.00.
- 06-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract, Bristol Township Municipal Building Renovation awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$37,000.00
- 7. 07-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract,
  Traffic Signal Emergency Power Connections, awarded by the Redevelopment
  Authority of the County of Bucks for \$19,200.00.

- 8. 08-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract, Municipal Complex Lighting Upgrade, awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$32,000.00.
- 9. 09-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract, Levittown Fire Company #2 Equipment and Vehicle Purchase, awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$110,447.05.
- 10. 10-2011 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract, Croydon Fire on Fire Purchase of Protective Gear, awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$54,900.00.

Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Turner questioned what roads will be done. President Pluta stated they do not have the list of roads as of yet. The roads that will be done will have to be casino impact. Mr. Turner questioned the emergency traffic lights. Mr. Bartlett stated that it is for emergency generators. If the power goes out a generator could be hooked up to the traffic lights, until the power go back on.

Mr. Obert questioned if the grants are matching grants. President Pluta said no. Mr. Obert questioned the Municipal Lighting. President Pluta stated it was for the parking lot.

Mr. Ken Worthington questioned who determines the amount and who receives the grants for the Fire Companies. President Pluta stated that the Fire Company must apply to the County and approved by the County.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve the lowest bidder on the 2010 Consortium Salt Bid, International Salt at \$50.83 per ton. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Obert question if the Township must use the Consortium Bid. Mr. Lawson stated that the State Bid was \$60.00. If the Township finds it cheaper they can purchase it.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the lowest bidder, Hoffman Ford, Inc. for a 2011 Ford F550, Cab Chassis, 4X4 \$38,925.00 with 9' Western Pro Plus Plow \$5,240.00 for a total of \$44,165.00. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Obert stated with the economy and layoffs the Township should not buy equipment. President Pluta stated that the truck is a replacement to the fleet not adding to the fleet.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Sacco stated Resolution 11-2011 is for the Lower Bucks County Training Facility with Pennoni Associates, the holding tank is a part of the process.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Resolution 11-2011 for plan revision for new land development for the Lower Bucks County Training Facility. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Sacco stated the Holding Tank Agreement with the Bucks County Community College meets all the DEP requirements. They will be required to obtain a permit and a licensed hauler and post a Bond.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the Holding Tank Agreement with the Bucks County Community College. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Bartlett stated that Resolution 12-2011 is a authorizing the application for a Capital Project Grant through the Governor's Office. The Grant will continue the work on Route 13. It is a matching Grant through Septa and no Township Funds will be used. The Grant is for \$500,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution 12-2011 authorizing the application for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project Grant. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to nominate Raymond Blaylock for appointment to Council. Second by President Pluta.

Mr. Turner questioned if this person went on the interview with the rest of the applicants. President Pluta said he did.

Mr. Obert questioned if the Mayor would break a tie. The Mayor said he would but preferred Council to work it out.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker No

Councilman Lewis No
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion vote was a tie did not pass 2-2

Motion by Councilman Lewis to nominate Ken Worthington for appointment to Council. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini No
President Pluta No

Motion vote was a tie did not pass 2-2

Mr. Sacco stated in the Code Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy, the only time the Mayor can vote is to break the tie. Councilman Lewis questioned Mayor Monahan if he was prepared to break the tie. Mayor Monahan questioned Council if they met to discuss the vacancy. President Pluta stated there have been attempts with no result. Mayor Monahan stated he could break the tie, but would prefer Council to work it out.

#### REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated the storm in December did not go too well. He had meetings with other Townships and State Officials he is going to try some new tactics for snow plowing and see how they work out. Mr. Lawson stated that there is money in the budget to purchase 2 pieces of equipment and he is asking Council to put on the March Agenda to purchase a backhoe.

#### REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Lt. Sava sat in for Chief McAndrew he has been working on the Year End Report. For 2010 the Police received 25,000 calls, 68 calls a day. They made 2,000 arrest and 5,500 Traffic Citations. Crime is decreasing in Bristol Township.

#### **REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:**

Mr. Kucher stated Bristol Township is looking for interested members in the Business Community for the Township's Business Advisory Board. A letter has been generated and sent out to all of the Businesses in the Township anyone interested should send a letter to the Managing Director.

#### **REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Sacco stated that he wanted to advise Council that Marion Village will install a fence. The other issue is that the hydrant will need to be moved.

#### OTHER:

Vice President Tarlini stated she was happy to report that because of an advancement of one of our detectives we will be able to bring back one of our laid off officers. President Pluta received a letter from a resident questioning why people in Croydon are allowed to have boats or fire engines on the sidewalk and streets. President Pluta requested someone to look into this.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

Mr. Troy Brennan of 503 Neshaminy questioned how much longer it will be before the meetings are televised. There are residents and tax payers that cannot attend the meetings. Mr. Bartlett stated the goal is to have it ready for the next meeting. It is not a requirement to televise the meetings. Mr. Brennan stated he is a member of the Bristol Township Business Coalition it is an organization that the business owners put together to have some impact on the Community. He feels they can make it easier for the Bristol Township Advisory Board to welcome them in the origination. There are members already doing things to benefit the Township Residents.

Mr. Turner of Croydon stated he has not seen anyone plow the snow Prospect Avenue in his neighborhood this year last year the outside contractor did a good job, and questioned what the Mayor is doing about it. Mr. Lawson stated that Prospect

Avenue is an emergency snow route and is salted every time is snows. Mr. Turner stated that he received 8 complaints about the trash pick up. Councilman Lewis stated that it is a transition period they are a new company.

Gallus Obert of Farmbrook questioned how many complaints were received about the plowing. Mr. Lawson stated about 200. Mr. Obert feels the Township should get rid of some of the contractors for not doing their job. Mr. Obert said the voucher list was not online again. President Pluta stated it will be made available. Mr. Obert stated the Township should get the word out the crime is going down to get more businesses in the Township.

Wes Retzler of West Bristol questioned if any officers were laid off. President Pluta stated that 4 officers were laid off. Mr. Retzler questioned if the Township owns 4 Ford Focus.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to continue the meeting on January 25, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
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Councilman Lewis No
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 3-1

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

The January 20, 2011 Council Meeting Continued January 25, 2011 was called to order at 7:08 P.M.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to nominate Raymond Blalock to Council. Second by President Pluta.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker No

Councilman Lewis No Vice President Tarlini Yes

President Pluta Yes

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Motion by Councilman Lewis to nominate Ken Worthington to Council. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini No
President Pluta No

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Mayor Monahan requested Council Members to meet to discuss the appointment two at a time.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to suspend the meeting. Second by Councilman Tucker

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to resume the meeting at 7:35. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Mayor Monahan cast his vote to break the tie for Council with his vote for Raymond Blaylock. President Pluta stated with that being said with a vote being 3-2 the new Council Member to fill the vacant seat of Mrs. Davis is Raymond Blaylock.

Councilman Lewis stated he would like to show his support for Raymond Blaylock welcomed Mr. Blaylock aboard.

Mr. Blaylock thanked Council.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes

Councilman Lewis Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 4-0

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- 14. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Kelly-Kryven Secretary